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We're finished!

For several years, you've been on our mailing list for updates on the cleanup of the Master Metals site on West Third Street in Cleveland's industrial flats. Well, we're taking you off the list. In fact, we're filing the list away! This is the last mailing you'll receive about Master Metals.

A project that had its beginnings almost 10 years ago is finished. The site is now officially "cleaned up," and soon it will become the new home of Northern Ohio Lumber & Timber Co.

All contaminated buildings were demolished and removed. Soil contaminated with lead from the smelting operations, which began in 1933, has been treated and removed. Remaining contaminated soil has been covered with 4 inches of asphalt. We're pleased that the work is done and that the site will become productive again, thanks to some innovative thinking and a great public-private partnership.



EPA Superfund Director Bill Muno thanks Mayor Jane Campbell for the cooperation of the city of Cleveland and officially turns over the site to the lumber company.



Master Metals Inc. just after it was shut down by Ohio EPA in 1993.

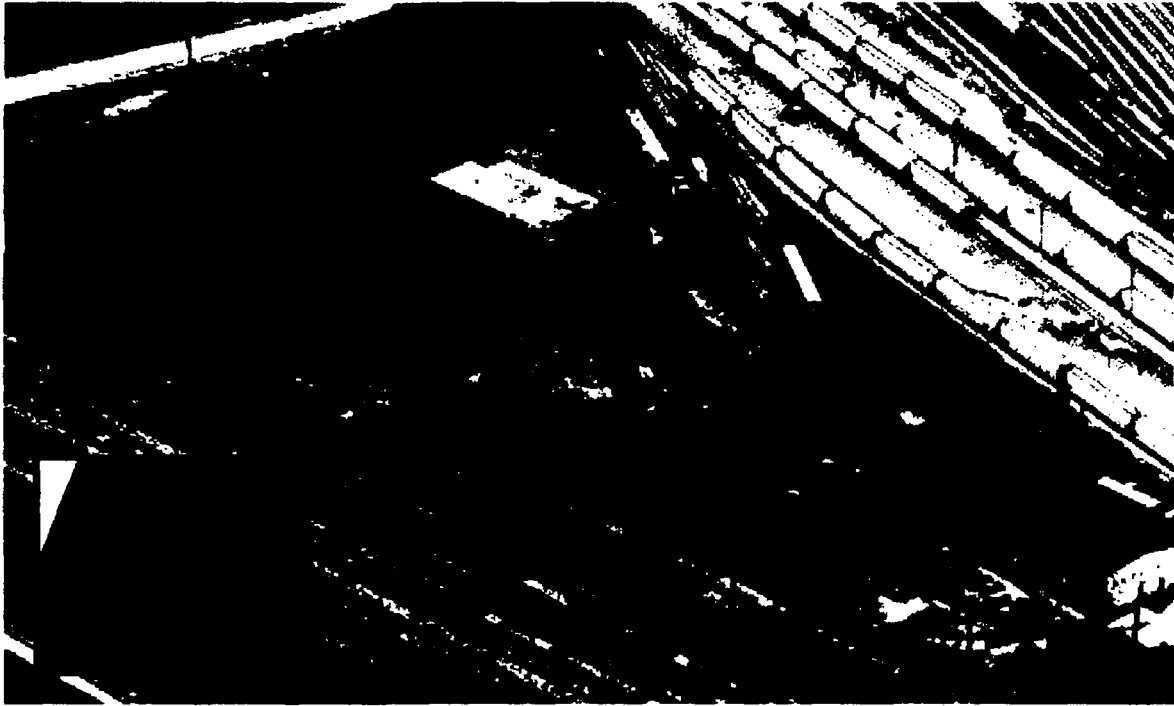
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would like to thank Ohio EPA, the city of Cleveland, the Flats Oxbow Association and Northern Ohio Lumber & Timber Co. We'd also like to thank you for your support and your patience.



EPA oversaw an emergency cleanup at the site in 1997, which involved demolishing and removing contaminated buildings.

For more information, including more before and after photos, please check out EPA's Web site: www.epa.gov/region5/sites/mastermetals, or if you want to talk with EPA, you can contact Bri Bill, EPA community involvement coordinator, at (800) 621-8431 Ext. 36646, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., or bill.briana@epa.gov. Technical reports are available for review at the Cleveland Public Library, Jefferson Branch, and at EPA's Chicago office.





The former Master Metals Inc. property is now ready for development. The solid black area in the upper lefthand corner is the asphalt cap, which was part of EPA's cleanup remedy for the site. This cap safely covers any remaining contaminated soil. The site is the new home of Northern Ohio Lumber & Timber Co. In the lower righthand corner is a historic railroad roundhouse, a portion of which is on the company property. Various groups are looking into ways to restore the roundhouse.

Master Metals: Cleanup Completed

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